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WITHIN THE WEEK

Analyzing the recent recommendations of Housing Administrator WYATT, we find that a high percentage of the proposed new units are what may be termed "permanent" structures. At first glance this may seem to be all to the good. But there are 2 considerations which should not be lightly regarded in the present crisis: Temporary housing units, even tho economically indefensible, do provide some measure of quick relief for the unprecedented "doubling up" of families. And they do not irreparably mar our urban centers, thwarting plans for future orderly expansion. (Congress has ruled that structures classed as "temporary" must be removed within 2 yrs after termination of state of "nat'l emergency.")

By yr's end there will be a minimum of 6½ million "doubled up" families in the U S. Or, to put it bluntly, about one-fifth of all non-farm families in the country will be sharing dwelling units intended for single-family occupancy. Obviously, in urban centers percentage is much higher than that. It is a condition to give our sociologists cold chills. Neither morals nor morale can long withstand such congestion.

How did we drift into this mess, anyway? To get at the root of our housing difficulties we must go back, not to war's outset, nor even to the beginning of the depression, but to the period a

century or more ago, when our cities began beckoning people more rapidly than they could be adequately housed.

We have shamelessly neglected the minimum housing requirements of majority of families in lower income groups. Risk capital has shied away from the prospect of providing suitable dwellings for these families, either for rent or for sale. The bldg industry has consistently concentrated on the more profitable mkt amongst middle and upper-income families. The war period with its complete stoppage of new construction has simply accentuated a shortage that has been developing for decades.

Now the grave danger is that in our ill-considered haste we shall pox our urban centers with a blight of "chicken-coop" construction of a so-called "permanent" nature, which we shall presently regret. Even now, a superficial survey of your own community will probably reveal far too many of these poor little houses, hastily thrown together of inferior material by indifferent workmen, to meet the frantic demands of the homeless hordes. Perhaps Administrator WYATT and his associates have a planned program to avoid this sort of thing, but they had best act quickly. In a few mo's it may be too late for any orderly procedure to prevail. We are rapidly running out of time—and land!



SHIFTING SANDS

When the Lincoln's Birthday ceremonial was telecast from Washington to New York, the occasion marked the 1st intercity television broadcast. NBC, CBS and DuMont already have plans well advanced for television networks to transmit in black-and-white and in color . . . Omaha's house-to-house canvas to locate housing for vets has netted 313 rooms, 44 ap'ts, half-a-dozen houses. Inquiries have been rec'd from many municipalities and several states . . . MYERS COOPER, former Gov of Ohio, is arousing quite a bit of interest in proposal that home blders be licensed to protect public from fly-by-night promoters . . . New type chain letter is catching on in Okla City. Postal authorities are helpless because no money is asked. Recipient makes 4 copies, sends them to friends, sits back, reaps "good fortune." No provision made, says *Daily Oklahoman*, for guy who doesn't know 4 persons he would wish good luck.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"The only difference I've noticed is that a few of the new men occasionally call me 'Sir.'"—Okla City personnel officer, asserting that vets and non vets can't be told apart on the job without checking their records. 1-Q

"The boys don't want to go back to farming as hired men. They have nothing against the farm if they could ret'n as renters or owners."—HERBERT HOWELL, Ames, Ia, farm mgt specialist, explaining population shift to cities as result of war. (CARL MALONE, another Ia farm specialist, observes: "The boys are getting home too late to do anything about renting or buying a farm this yr.") 2-Q

"I have no doubt that if we help our scientists, they will not only catch up with but surpass those abroad."—Generalissimo JOSEF STALIN, in pre-election speech broadcast, announcing a new 5-yr plan for Russia. 3-Q

"If it's that good, I'll repeat it tomorrow at Wellfleet where I preach on alternate Sundays."—Rev FRANK NICHOLS, of Dickens, Neb, whose recent, widely publicized sermon, "Why All Preachers Should be Arrested and Sent to Hell for 5 Minutes," brought requests for copies from all over the nation. 4-Q

"It's not a question of 'Can we do it?' but 'How is it going to be done?'"—Sen WAYNE MORSE, former Dean of Oregon Univ Law School, discussing shortage of univ housing facilities. His idea for seaport colleges: use idle Liberty ships, condemned aircraft carriers as housing units. 5-Q

"I've had to look up to people all my life, but that way I see more blue sky and sunshine than most."—JERRY AUSTIN, 3-ft 6-in midget who portrays the dwarf "Cupidon" in Warner Bros' *Saratoga Trunk*. 6-Q

"Would it not be more fitting tribute to the dead to use that large sum in a work designed to alleviate the suffering of humanity for whom they gave their lives?"—Letter to Pres TRUMAN, signed by 12 clergymen of Protestant Episcopal Dio-

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cese of Mass, protesting bringing America's World War II dead back to this country. (Clergymen pointed out that program will cost \$500 million.) 7-Q

"I spend 1/4 of my time trying to persuade good men to stay in the gov't, and another 1/4 of my time trying to persuade good men to come into the gov't."—Pres HARRY S TRUMAN. 8-Q

"Oh, so-so."—Mrs TRUMAN's reply to Ala Rep LUTHER PATRICK's query at White House tea: "Well, how are you liking this White House life?" 9-Q

"It was taken on his last leave."—Mrs BILANCA DAULT, London hotel mgr, shown picture of herself retrieved from stomach of fish, identified it as one carried by husband, crew mbr of ship lost thru enemy action in Atlantic, '43. 10-Q

"Isn't there a better way to land a plane than this?"—JOHN A BURTON, 82, Baker, Ore, querying his pilot grandson, Capt ROBT B ALEXANDER, winner of DFC and Air Medal. (Plane overturned in field, with BURTON hanging upside down from safety belt. "I wasn't hurt," said passenger, commenting on 1st flight, "but I just wondered.") 11-Q

"I shot my wife shortly after 1 a m, but did not burn her head and hands until morning because a night fire would have violated a city ordinance."—ARTHUR EGGERS, of Los Angeles, making confession to police. 12-Q

"I've taught him better than that, judge . . . It's Geo Washington's birthday, of course."—Mother of 12-

yr-old juvenile delinquent quizzed by circuit court Judge CHAS A MOYLAN, Baltimore. The question: "Whose birthday do we celebrate on Christmas?" Boy's answer: "Lincoln's." 13-Q

"I think it's wonderful except that it takes about half an hr to say anything."—Mrs CLAUDE B BAGGETT, British war bride, asked what she thought of her husband's Southern accent. 14-Q

"Mr Pascal has been warned that he must be more economical in the future."—HUGH DALTON, Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressing House of Commons, after GABRIEL PASCAL, producer of Britain's great film, *Caesar and Cleopatra*, was recently allowed to send \$1,621 to New York to pay dentist's bill. 15-Q

"An astronomer is used to being got out of bed at all hrs of the night."—Dr WM W MORGAN, Yerkes Observatory, who was not at all perturbed when a young assistant aroused him with news of the new "exploding" star. 16-Q

"God is holding us laymen just as responsible as the ministers for the job of making a better world. Too many of us have been riding on the wagon, dragging our feet, while ministers pulled the load."—Dr ROBT G LE TOURNEAU, Peoria, Ill industrialist. 17-Q

"I recently told 2,000 Boston elevated employees that I used to be one of them, and even gave them the number I wore on my hat. Next day I found they were all playing that number in the lottery pool."—Archbishop RICHARD J CUSHING, Boston, Catholic archdiocese head. (He didn't learn if the number won!) 18-Q

"The new men are excellent, splendid mat'l, but they are untrained. You can't make a cook, clerk, or bulldozer operator overnight."—Gen'l WALTER KRUEGER, comdr of 6th army, on arrival from Japan. KRUEGER, "The GI's gen'l," stated that rapid demobilization was a threat to efficient occupation of Japan. 19-Q

"A controlled evil is less pernicious than a clandestine one."—Interior Minister ANDRE LE TROQUER, revealing that the 178 licensed brothels of Paris may not close March 15 after all. He cited medical statistics which showed there was 10 times more venereal disease in cities where prostitution is uncontrolled than in Paris. 20-Q

"The racial conflict in the next few yrs will overshadow the labor-mgt conflict."—GOODWIN B. WATSON, prof of education, Columbia. 21-Q

"It was a good joke, wasn't it?"—Announcer for Radio Paris, at end of recent, realistic radio play, *Platform 70 or Atomic Age*, which reported U S atom explosion spreading in world-wide cycles; play caused panic similar to that of ORSON WELLES' drama, *Men From Mars*, of several yrs ago. Parisians were not amused at joke, angrily stormed broadcasting studios. Radio Paris explained and apologized for 24 hrs; the producer left town. 22-Q

"(The decision) in no way negates my realization of the great good that the Red Cross has done for humanity, but there is a moral obligation upon the American Red Cross to bring its nat'l policy into line with its deeds of mercy."—Dr EDWARD J. SPARLING, pres of Roosevelt College, declining to accept chapter of Red Cross at his school because of agency's policy of segregating the blood of Negroes and whites. Backing up student council which voted against accepting a chapter, SPARLING declared that the college cannot "lend its support in discrimination of any kind" because of race or color. 23-Q

"I was so embarrassed! My little girl got hiccoughs during *The Lost Weekend*."—Conversation overheard on a Los Angeles st-car, reported in *This Wk*. 24-Q

"Moonshiners are getting so hard up for sugar that some have actually been caught buying cheap hard candy and melting it down to get sugar to make alcohol."—ROBT E TUTTLE, supervisor of alcohol tax unit in Maryland. 25-Q

"I can attend a Republican dinner in the same hotel on the same night for \$5."—Rep KARL E. MUNDT, Republican of South Dakota, on receiving

an invitation from ROBT E. HANNegan, Democratic Nat'l Chairman, to pay \$100 per plate to attend Democrats' Jackson Day dinner. 26-Q

"They thought I was crazy but it's what I've always wanted."—NADINE RAMSEY, former Wasp ferry pilot, who bought fully-equipped P-38 fighter plane for \$1250 at surplus property auction, flew home to Long Beach, Calif, in it. 27-Q

"They have a good effect on my temper."—WINSTON CHURCHILL, thanking Cuban Minister of Agriculture for gift of 100 hand-made Havana cigars. 28-Q

"Figures show that the nation celebrated V-J Day by going on a prolonged traffic spree that hasn't ended yet."—Nat'l Safety Council, announcing 36% rise in traffic accidents. 29-Q

"I have been criticized because I refused to conduct some bridal couples to the altar rails, but I won't tolerate brides and bridegrooms canoodling, cuddling and ogling each other during the ceremony and generally turning the church into a cinema."—Rev JOHN G. BRYNWEEL, vicar at Redcar, London, indignant with brides, bridegrooms who indulge in necking during marriage service. 30-Q

"I don't care what you call them, burlesque or anything else, I'm against them."—N Y's Mayor WM O'DWYER, announcing that "dirty shows" would not be permitted on Broadway. (Issue came up when Actors Equity recently asked him in an open letter to permit the return of burlesque shows, barred by former Mayor LA GUARDIA.) 31-Q

"With all due respect to our American cousins, whose language is vivid and amusing, and has a superficial resemblance to our own, it is they who are partly responsible for this deplorable state of affairs."—*Eton College Chronicle* complaining that England "is being invaded by an army of ill-bred and offensive words." 32-Q

"You Swedes have certainly been thru a great deal during this war."—Gov THOMAS E. DEWEY, of N Y, to Norwegian Ambassador MORGENSTIERNE, whose name and title he had not quite caught. "I, sir," said

the bristling ambassador, "am not a Swede. I am the Norwegian ambassador." Gov DEWEY compounded felony with: "It's very hard to tell you Scandinavians apart." 33-Q

"Won't do 'em no good. If they was farmers, they'd know that."—Comment of an Ohio farmer on cavalcade of Chicago taxicab vets, journeying to Washington to protest personally against what they consider discriminatory action. 34-Q

"He had the flu . . . and besides that was before he started eating my food."—SHIRLEY TEMPLE, protesting the rumor that her new husband took to his bed for 10 days after sampling her culinary concoctions. 35-Q

"The Americans were 3 yrs ahead of us in the mfg of the bomb because they invested a vast amt of money in research."—Professor HAHN, Germany's leading atom physicist, winner of Nobel prize for physics for his research into splitting the atom. 36-Q

"He is now only a beaten, broken man, and represents no subversive danger."—Lieut HERMAN ROSELINSKY, of Brooklyn, in charge of U S 7th army's internee camp, confirming that he has recommended that FRITZ KUHN, former leader of German-American bund, be released from internment. 37-Q



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COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

You Ought to
be Happy

H I PHILLIPS

The roof leaks; my dog just bit a policeman; the new auto will be 6 mo's late coming thru; I've got to wait longer for new tires; the furnace is out of order; none of the unemployed boys I know will take a job fixing it; the cat's had kittens; a doz or more strikes have just broken out and it looks like a tough winter, but what the blazes!

None of mine or the neighbors' kids is getting killed in jungles, mountain passes or hedgerows!

My daughter just had a nervous breakdown when she discovered nylons won't be plentiful for quite a while; my oldest boy's job as an auto salesman has been cancelled due to labor troubles; the cost of living is going up; the carpenter who promised to fix the garage door isn't short of money enough yet to bother with it; there's a hurricane on the way; the phone's out of order, but what's the difference!

The casualty lists are ended and I don't see our town's finest kids in a drizzly rain at the railroad station going off to fight a foreign war!

Everybody now says inflation is inevitable; Pres Truman wishes he had stayed in the hat business; England, China, Italy, France, Roumania and Brazil want to borrow a few hundred billions; I can't find my eyeglasses; my wife's gone home to her mother, but no matter!

There's nothing in the paper about hundreds of brave lads going down with a sinking ship, or being blown to bits in enemy mine traps! The global war is over! — Abridged from N Y Sun.

AMERICANA—1

The average American isn't doing so badly these days. He has a price ceiling over his head, confusion to clothe him, labor-management differences to keep him warm, his own words to eat, and promises to protect his future.—*Burlington (Ia) Hawk-Eye Gazette.*

ATOMIC AGE—2

Cosmic rays hitting the earth's surface cause the detonation of one atom in every cubic centimeter of substance at the earth's surface every second. Miniature — very miniature — Hiroshimas and Nagasakis are taking place in your bones and brain and blood stream right now at the rate of 30 per sec per cubic inch. The same rate of atomic disintegration is taking place in all minerals and all compounds of every sort everywhere on top of the earth. If any kind of atom could set off another until the world came to an end, it seems rather likely it would have happened sometime during the past hundred billion yrs. — WILL F JENKINS, "Your Great-Great-Grandmother and the Atom Bomb," *Nat'l Home Monthly*, 2-'46.

CHILD TRAINING—3

When the archaeologists were digging in the ruins of Nineveh they came upon a library of plaques containing the laws of the realm. One of the laws reads, in effect, that anyone guilty of neglect would be held responsible for the result of his neglect. . . . If you fail to teach your child to obey, if you fail to teach him to respect the property rights of others, *you and not he* are responsible for the result of your neglect — WILLIAM TARR, "Is It Juvenile or Adult Delinquency?" *The Optimist*, 2-'46.

CLOTHING—Scarcity—4

Our sad fable for the day is about the wolf that tried lately to get sheep's clothing in the stores. — H V WADE, *Detroit News*.

CO-OPERATION—5

The war is always a terrible thing, in times of strife we find that great numbers of people, who have never taken part in anything before, become interested in doing something constructive. In this manner, persons of all races, creeds and colors are drawn together for a common cause and there emerges

the one thing that is needed most to bring peace on earth. That is understanding. — MARIAN ANDERSON, *Oregon Jnl.*

They DO Say . . .

This housing shortage is really a lot worse than we had thought. *The Nation* currently reports that "1,200,000 million" families are without adequate shelter . . . And *Omaha World-Herald* cracks: "Things are so tough in men's wear that clothing-store dummies are wearing smocks with their homburgs." . . . VIRGINIA MAYO, Hollywood actress, rec'd terrific stack of fan mail, forwarded on her recent visit to N Y. Turned out to be chiefly requests to rent her ap't while she's away . . . We knew of course that it was inevitable—but still it's something of a shock to read the current Crime Club selection: *Murder Strikes an Atomic Unit* . . . *N Y Post*, reviewing *Pocket Book of Story Poems*, refers to "this previously unpublished anthology." Which somehow reminds us of the meticulously-prepared extemporaneous address we are to deliver to an educational group, come the Ides of March.

DRINK—Drinking—6

Sparkle, sparkle little twink, Who the heck you are I think; I'm not under the alfluence of incohol, Altho some tinkle peep I am. Anyhow I've only had tea mar-toonies, Besides I have all day sober to Sunday up in. I fool so feellish, I don't know who me be, The drunker I sit here the longer I get.

—RUDY PETERSON, quoted in *Minneapolis Tribune*.

EDUCATION—7

If the animals of earth had needed education as our race does, we would not send the wolf and the lamb, the fox and the hare to the same school; we would not lay the worms which crawl upon the earth upon the back of the eagle in order that they might fly with him toward the sun. We would not place the tiger's food before the elephant and the elephant fodder

before the tiger . . . but the education of man is very often just such a hodge-podge."—JOHANN H PESTALOZZI, great Swiss educator, quoted by MILDRED SANDERSON FENNER, "The Pestalozzi Bicentennial," *Jnl of Education*, 1-46.

EDUCATION—as Investment—8

Once a neighbor, wealthier than my father, took him to task for the money he put out to send us children to good schools.

"That isn't an expense," my father insisted. "It is an investment. I invested that money in the children's minds. I aim for them to collect the interest and reinvest the principal—when I'm gone." —RUTH YARBOROUGH, "You Can Take It With You," *Good Business*, 2-46.

FREEDOM—of Speech—9

Not a man exists who talks bravely against the Church, but does not owe it to the Church that he can talk at all.—CARDINAL NEWMAN, in a collection of *Historical Sketches*.

GIVING—Receiving—10

From the East comes the legend of a beggar who one day met his king on the highway. The royal chariot stopped, and the beggar expected alms. Instead, the king asked, "What hast thou for me?" The beggar grudgingly took from his half-filled food bag a single grain of corn and gave it to the monarch. After the chariot moved on, he found a nugget of gold in his bag, and realized that if he had given the king a handful of corn he would have rec'd a hundred nuggets in return. —DR STUART INNERST, *Young People's Wkly*.

HEALTH—11

People with the lowest incomes are usually sick oftener and die sooner than those with high incomes. The Twentieth Century Fund points out that persons on relief in '35-'36 averaged 17 days of illness a yr; those with family incomes under \$1000 averaged almost 11 days; those in the \$1500-\$2000 income group averaged 7 days; and those with incomes over \$5000, 6½ days of illness. —*Mgt Review*.

HOUSING—Shortage—12

Al Pearce has a new twist on an oldie. Question: "Who was the lady I saw you with the other night in that sidewalk cafe?" An-

swer: "That was no sidewalk cafe — that was our furniture—we're living there."—*Des Moines Register*.

INFLATION—13

Marines on duty in China are learning first hand about inflation.

A pair of Marines approached the ticket window of a theater.

"Two please," said one of them.

"Yes, sir," the ticket seller replied. "That will be four hundred dollars."

"Okay . . . did you say four hundred dollars?" both Marines gasped.

"That's right, sir," the man in the box office said. "However, we have a special price for service men . . . one hundred dollars apiece."

The Marines had started to walk away when the ticket seller said, "In American money that will be 5 cents each."—*Leatherneck Mag*.

ISOLATIONISM—14

A small boy quarreled with his playmate from across the st. The neighbor went away in a huff. "All right," said the small boy, "let him go home. I don't need him. I can play by myself."

"Fine," said his father, "and now you can go out in the yard and play on your teeter-totter—by yourself."—*Toastmaster*.

LAW—Lawyers—15

A young lawyer attended the funeral of a millionaire. A friend arrived at the service and took a seat beside him. He whispered, "How far has the service gone?"

The lawyer nodded toward the clergyman in the pulpit and whispered back: "Just opened the defense."—*Volta Review*.

MARRIED LIFE—16

The honeymoon has ended when a wife stops making a fuss over her husband, and begins to make a fuss with him.—"Hambone," *Progressive Farmer*.

ORIGIN—Parasite—17

Among the ancient Greeks there was a class of men who learned how to make themselves welcome at the tables of rich men by providing dinner entertainment of a flattering nature. To such a man was applied the term *parasitos*, made up of the preposition *para* meaning "beside" and *sitos* meaning "food." The term was transliterated into the Latin as *parasitus* and into English as *parasite*.—*Catholic Digest*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
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MEGAPHONE**

Despite the headlines screaming scarcity of grains, analysis reveals that distillers will fare far better under Presidential order than they did during war yrs, and even better than in pre-war yrs of '39 and '40. This, at least, is true as to quantity. However, quality of grain assigned is likely to be low.

You may have wondered why production of whisky should be affected by curtailment of wheat. Whisky, you recall, is largely a product of corn or rye. That is normally true. But, due to scarcity of aged stocks, practically all whiskies now on mkt are blends. That is, the original stock has been extended by the use of grain alcohol and neutral spirits. And wheat is a favored source of grain alcohol.

Will grain limitation order invite ret'n of bootlegging? Dept of Internal Revenue is alert for any contingency. If hill people can't find profitable industrial employment, they may be expected to convert corn into "white lightning" as they always have done. There are practical limitations, however, such as difficulty of obtaining copper stills, scarcity of sugar, etc. Only an acute urban drought, resulting in fantastic black mkt prices, could bring about condition in any way comparable to illicit trade of Prohibition era.

An interesting sidelight on the wheat restriction is the point that popular brand flours are likely to disappear from the mkt. Leading Minn miller has already announced that no 80/20 flour will be branded, "Pillsbury's Best." Opinion in the trade is that housewives who seek to beat the shortage by hoarding flour are doomed to disappointment. Weevils will soon appear, making stocks unfit for human use. Restriction hits hard blow at a Southern staple: 80/20 flour isn't much good for biscuits!



AUTOMOBILE: An auto "snow-shoe," a simplified form of the tractor-tread, has been designed to take most of the work out of getting "stuck." Tossed against tire, added traction frees cars from snowdrifts, ice spots, mud, sand, ruts. Can be rolled up, stored in car compartment. (*Pathfinder*)

HEALTH & HYGIENE: Bathers may soon sunbathe without a sunburn. A recently patented sunbathing suit, made of thin, flexible, translucent thermoplastic sheets, contains ultra-violet light-filtering agents which render it opaque to visible radiations of the sun, but permit passage of ultra-violet rays. (*Forbes*)

ILLUMINATION: New lamp, most brilliant ever developed for commercial use, produces light equivalent to that cast by 125 40-watt bulbs. For high-ceilinged factories and sports arenas. (*Grit*)

MEDICINE: Tested at Mayo Clinic and soon to be available for gen'l use thru physicians, *benadryl* is most promising chemical weapon to relieve allergies ranging from hay fever, hives and asthma to toxic reactions to sunlight, certain foods, serums, vaccinations and even drugs like penicillin. (*American Wkly*)

RADAR: Moon may be put to practical use, transmitting wireless messages between N Y and Paris. Plan is to beam Morse code at the moon, from \$300,000 transmitter in N Y. Receiving station in Paris would pick up message 2½ seconds later, when it bounced back from the moon. This use of radar avoids fading, magnetic storms, sun spots, other troubles common with short-wave wireless. (*Federal Telegraph & Radio Corp*)

RADIO: Radio listening pleasure is being increased by war-developed radio noise filter. Device eliminates static or buzzing in electrical equipment. (*Science Digest*)

PHILOSOPHY—18

The wisdom of the sages is in the advice an old gentleman gave to his son: "Treat every man as if he were a Justice of the Supreme Court—and watch him like a thief." —*Pageant*.

RACE—Discrimination—19

Before the war, the story runs, there was in Paris a Frenchman with strong anti-Semitic prejudices. Then the Nazis took over France and the Frenchman saw the ghastly things that anti-Semitism really means when it gets going. Recently on a street in Paris that Frenchman cordially greeted a Jew of his acquaintance. "Friend," he said, "these Nazis have taken everything away from me—even my anti-Semitism." —HARRY EMERSON FOSBICK, "The Revolt Against Paganism," *Ladies' Home Jnl*, 2-46.

REVENGE—20

In the fall of 1897 a traveler named Jones dined at La Junta and, spurning the steaks, demanded beans. Under the Harvey rule, he got beans, but was charged the price of the regular meal.

He protested that beans were worth only a dime, but the mgr held out for 6 bits, the standard price of a meal. The customer went away sore and in a few hrs the House got a collect wire and paid 85¢ to learn that Mr Jones was still sore. Hrs later it got another wire from San Francisco and paid \$2.25 to learn Mr Jones' sentiment. Several days afterward it paid \$5.67 to be apprised from Mexico City that: "I still think you charged me too much for those beans." —JAMES MARSHALL, *Santa Fe, The Railroad That Built an Empire*. (Random)

SELF-INTEREST—21

At the mouth of the Clyde are small islands called the Cumbræ. An old story has it that the minister there used to pray every Sabbath, "O Lord, grant Thy grace to the Greater and the Lesser Cumbræ; and O Lord, in Thy great mercy, remember also the neighboring islands of Great Britain and Ireland."

We smile at such provincialism—and then go on practicing the same. For who of us is not thinking and praying, if at all, in terms of our own little unit of life? —WILLIAM T ELLIS, *Religious Digest*.

SUPERSTITION—22

After World War I, the superstition that 3 lights on 1 match was unlucky arose. Sure, it wasn't healthy for the boys in the front line trenches to hold a lighted match until 3 men lit their cigarettes. It only meant that the rifleman in the opposing trench had that much more time to aim at his victim. Superstition has a way of dispensing with pertinence.—JOHN R SAUNDERS, "Superstition Is a Big Business," from Gen'l Electric *Science Forum*, radio program.

"What is the real good?" I asked, in a musing mood.

"Order," said the court;

"Knowledge," said the school;

"Truth," said the wise man;

"Riches," said the fool;

"Love," said the maiden;

"Beauty," said the page;

"Freedom," said the dreamer;

"Home," said the sage;

"Fame," said the soldier;

"Equity," said the seer.

Spake my heart full sadly—
"The answer is not here."

Then within my bosom, softly
this I heard:

"Each heart holds the secret;
Kindness is the word."

—*Volta Review*. 23

THEORY—Practice—24

One touch of a hot iron teaches a child something about heat he cannot learn from lectures. A wk behind the counter in a dep't store teaches a student something about human nature which makes a textbook of psychology more meaningful.—ALGO D HENDERSON (pres, Antioch College), "The College — An Active Social Agent," *Common Ground*, Winter '46.

WAR—Aftermath—25

The (bombed) ruins (of London) are often very handsome indeed. There is talk of selecting from among them those that might lend themselves to preservation as memorials or garden sites.

With regard to the many ruined churches, a committee of clergymen, writers and artists has petitioned that they be left just as they are, with skilful landscaping to take proper advantage of their great beauty. The *Architectural Review* has endorsed this and given it wide publicity.—CONRAD AIKEN, "Cheerful Answer," *Town & Country*, 2-46.

A Radical Looks at Liberals

SAUL D ALINSKY is a Radical who glories in the term. Turning his back on a secure professional career 7 yrs ago, he set to work improving conditions in Chicago's notorious Back of the Yards. This marked the beginning of what has been widely termed "a rebirth of democracy" in industrial areas. Mr ALINSKY defines his purpose: "To help the common people, thru their own democratic organizations, to stake out a definite claim in the future of America." His widely-discussed new book, *Reveille for Radicals* (Univ of Chicago Press, \$2.50), is the story of People's Organizations, founded and furthered by ALINSKY and his associates. From that volume we take this definitive excerpt:

There are clear lines of distinction between Radicals and Liberals. Time need not be wasted on Conservatives, since time itself will take care of them . . . Liberals like people with their head. Radicals like people with both their head and their heart. Liberals talk passionately of the rights of minority groups; protest against the poll tax, against lynchings, against segregation, against anti-Semitism. However, when these same Liberals emerge from their rallies and find themselves seated next to a Negro in a public conveyance they instinctively shrink back slightly. They belong to professional organizations and social clubs whose membership is exclusive—exclusive of Jews, Negroes and other minorities. They tell you that they disapprove of the practice, but nevertheless continue to belong. They are strange hybrids who have radical minds and conservative hearts.

Liberals regard themselves as well informed and well balanced. They refer to Radicals as "cranks." They forget, however, that the definition of a crank is an object which makes revolutions.

Liberals in common with many Conservatives lay claim to the precious quality of impartiality, of cold objectivity, and to a sense of mystical impartial justice which enables them to view both sides of an issue. Liberals are hesitant to act. Their opinions are studded with "but on the other hand." Caught on the hands of this dilemma they are paralyzed into immobility. They discuss and discuss and end in disgust.

Liberals charge Radicals with passionate partisanship. To this accusation the Radical's jaw tightens as he snaps, "Guilty! We are partisan for the people. Furthermore, we know that all people are partisan. The only non-partisan people are those who are dead. You too are partisan—if not for the people, then for whom?"

Liberals endlessly pass resolutions and endlessly do nothing. They sit calmly, dispassionately, studying the issue. The Radical does not sit frozen by cold objectivity. He sees injustice and strikes at it with hot passion. He is a man of decision and action. There is a saying that the difference between a Liberal and a Radical is that the Liberal walks out of the room when the argument turns into a fight.

The support given by Liberals to some Radical measures is to be understood in the explanation of a wealthy French farmer: "I vote for Socialism, because there isn't going to be any Socialism."

A fundamental difference between Liberals and Radicals is to be found in the issue of power. Liberals fear power or its application . . . Radicals precipitate the social crisis by action—by using power. Liberals may then timidly follow along or else, as in most cases, be swept forward along the course set by Radicals, but all because of forces unloosed by Radical action . . .

Liberals protest; Radicals rebel. Liberals become indignant; Radicals become fighting mad and go into action. Liberals do not modify their personal life and what they give to a cause is a small part of their lives; Radicals give themselves to the cause. Liberals give and take oral arguments; the Radicals give and take the hard, dirty, bitter way of life . . . Liberals have tender beliefs and are filled with repugnance at the grime, the sordidness, the pain, the persecution, and the heartbreak of battle; Radicals have tough convictions which are calloused by the rough road of direct action. Liberals play the game of life with white and occasionally red chips; with the Radicals it's only blue chips, and all the chips are always down. Liberals dream dreams; Radicals build the world of men's dreams.



Elegia

EZRA POUND

Stands genius a deathless
adornment,

A name not to be worn
out with the yrs.

—EZRA POUND, *Homage
to Sextus Propertius*.

Controversy rages over the action of BENNETT CERF and associates in striking from a revised edition of a Modern Library anthology 12 poems by EZRA POUND. In World War II, POUND openly supported totalitarian forces. From Italy, where he had lived many yrs, he was continually broadcasting subversively to our troops. Arraigned for treason, he has been declared insane. None the less, a substantial contingent of the literati hold that a man's creative art should be judged apart from his personal conduct; that retributive action against printed words is monstrous and barbaric. The selection, Elegia, quoted in part, was written some time before 1911.

"I have put my days and dreams
out of mind,"

For all their hurry and their weary
fret

Availed me little. But another kind
Of leaf that's fast in some more
sombre wind,

Is man on life, and all our tenuous
courses

Wind and unwind as vainly . . .

The deed blots out the thought
And many thoughts, the vision;
And right's a compass with as many
poles

As there are points in her circum-
ference.

'Tis vain to seek to steer all courses
even,

And all things save sheer right are
vain enough.

The blade were vain to grow save
toward the sun,

And vain the attempt to hold her
green forever.

Add still another ret'-g-father story: An Army cap't we know was greeted on the station platform by his little family. First his wife hugged him, then his 5-yr-old daughter. "Daddy," she said, pointing to a toddler who stood watching, "I want to introduce my sister. We got her while you were away."—*This Wk.*

Married to an American stationed in Czechoslovakia, I noticed with interest that when we entertained American visitors, my husband would inquire about his old pals back home—a certain Wallet family who lived on a funny street called Gasoline Alley. He also asked about the Gumps and was much concerned about the doings of an orphan named Annie.

The description of Annie won my heart. When we were sent to N Y to live, I privately decided Annie would fit in our new home. We might even adopt her!

We were docking in N Y and while my husband was busy with the luggage, Sunday papers were thrown aboard. I was immediately attracted to the colored sheets. Some of the characters seemed vaguely familiar to me . . . at last I remembered. So! All these friends I had so much looked forward to meeting were only cartoons!—MARIE POLENSKA, in *Holiday*, the new Curtis magazine.

Speaking of Speakers . . .

JOHN ANDREW HOLMES

When many a man gets asked to deliver an address, it is all over but the shouting.

After a flight of eloquence, those carried away with it may be left up in the air.

A banquet need not begin with soup, but it always has to end with wisecracking nuts.

If an auditorium is stuffy, a window may be opened, but if a speaker is stuffy, better use a door.

America's bitterest need is such television as would bring the broadcaster of maddening commercials as near to the fist as to the eye.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

JOE MCCARTHY
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On Iwo Jima, our fighting forces, taking the most direct course on their way to duty, would pass an officers' club. The traffic apparently annoyed the assembled brass. They put up a sign, "Officers' Country—Restricted." This action forced the fighters to detour a quarter of a mile. There was no immediate comment, but enlisted men, with their usual ingenuity, found a way of hitting back. They, too, put up a sign on their barracks. It read "God's Country—No Restrictions!"

A N Y C performer squelched a heckler with this one: "You now have 32 teeth. Would you like to try for none?"—*Elmira (N Y) News.*

It could happen only in Hollywood. One of the Navy's most decorated heroes, Lt Comdr Felix Hardison, of the famous ship *Susie Q*, was standing in line to pay his luncheon check at the mcm studio cafe. An extra turned to him and asked: "What picture are you working on?"

The Navy hero smiled, jokingly said, "Senior Boy Scouts."

The extra looked him over again, mentally counted his rows of ribbons and other decorations, then said: "Well, brother, that outfit is strictly from the wardrobe dept. You're certainly over-decorated." —ERSKINE JOHNSON, *Scholastic.*

At a current events meeting, a clubwoman was asked by a friend what she thought of *Dumbarton Oaks*.

"I haven't had a chance to read it yet," she replied. "But I always admired O'Neill. That's the sequel to *Desire Under the Elms*, isn't it?" —*Counterpoints*, hm World Publishing Co.

Otis Chase used to keep the hardware store in a Cape Cod community yrs ago. I found him one day "settin' and whittlin'" in front of his store. "Otis," I said, "I want a doz inch screws."

"Step inside and help yourself," he invited. "Drawers are marked."

As I came out, the prop was still settin' and whittlin'. "Otis," I said, "there were only 8 screws in that drawer, but perhaps I can make them do."

"You put 4 o' them screws back," directed Mr Chase sternly. "What'll the next feller do if he don't find any at all!" — WM DANA ORCUTT, *From My Library Walls.* (Longmans, Green)

